High power and low power T.V. transmission centres working in A. P.

3356. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of high power and low power T. V. Transmission Centres working in Andhra Pradesh at present; and

(b) the places where additional D D. Centres are likely to be set up in Andhra Pradesh in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) 3 high power (10KW) TV transmitters; 26 low power (100 W) TV transmitters and two TV transposers are at present functioning in Andhra Pradesh.

b) Two high power (10KW) TV transmitters one each at Anantapur and Tirupati, under implementation as spill-over schemes from the 7th plan, are envisaged to be commissioned into service during 1991.

Survey of Doordarshan news bulletins

3357. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a survey of Doordarshan news bulletins during April-May, 1990 revealed that 5.9 per cent of the news telecast time was given to Prime Minister while 9.6 per cent telecast time was given to the Congress (I) President?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): No survey has been conducted. According to information maintained departmentally, the Prime Minister's coverage in April and May, 1990 was 6.5 per cent of the total telecast time of the national news bulletins while the former Prime Minister got 10.3 per cent of coverage during the corresponding period of 1989.

Production of exchanges by C-DOT

3358. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of 4,000 lines exchanges by C-DOT, in the year 1989 and so far in 1990; and

(b) what measures are being taken for increase in production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No exchange was produced by C-DOT during 1989 and so far, in 1990.

(b) (i) Technology for manufacture of 4000 lines exchange is at final stages of development.

(ii) A model plant has been set up in Keonicscity Bangalore for production of exchanges with C-DOT technology.

Opening of Post Office in Rural Areas of U.P.

3359. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of post offices and sub-post offices opened in U.P. especially in rural areas during the last six months; and

(b) what is the number of post offices and sub-post offices proposed to be opened during the remaining part of current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) 70 Extra department tal post offices and 7 departmental sub post offices have been sanctioned in Uttar radesh during March, 1990. Information as to the number of post offices actually opened during the period 1-3-1990 to 31-8-1990, in urban

and rural areas separately and the remaining number to be opened after 1-9-1990 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

In addition to the above, more post offices may be sanctioned during 1990-91 after finalisation of revised norms.

Allowing private sector to own Channels of Doordarshan

3360. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow private sector to own channels of Doordarshan in order to make it autonomous in real sense;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) control of television channels by the private Sector will be against public interest.

Hindi news Bulletin in Tamil Nadu

3361. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Samachar (Hindi News Bulletin at 20.40 hrs.) is not shown on Doordarshan in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether such option is open to other States also?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The relay of the evening national news bulletin in Hindi from Doordarshan Kendra, Madars, was discontinued from November, 1982 at the request of Government of Tamil-Nadu. The Government does not propose to extend this arrangement to other Kendras.

Post and Telegraph Office in the Industrial Estate, Waluj in Aurangabad District

3362. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently, not a single post and telegraph office in the Industrial Estate, Waluj, in Aurangabad District of Maharashtra is functioning;

(b) if so, considering the importance of the industrial estate whether Government propose to establish a post and telegraph office in Waluj industrial area;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if answer to (b) is in the negative, whether Government would consider the question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) While there is no P & T office in the Estate itself there is a sub post office with telegraph facilities functioning in Waluj village, near the industrial estate.

(b) and (c) There is a proposal for a delivery of sub post office as well as for a telecom. centre in the industrial estate with facilities for booking telegrams, local and STD calls. While the telecom. entre is likely to be opened by the end of September 1990, the proposal for the post office is likely to be considered during the current year.

(d) Does not arise.